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This letter is responsive to applicant's communication of December 9, 2002 concerning the abandonment of the application. The Request for Continued Examination filed April 22, 2002 was received and entered on April 30, 2002. A Notice of Allowance was mailed to applicant on July 3, 2002. The issue fee due on October 3, 220 was not paid. Accordingly, the application was abandoned for failure to pay the required fee.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lee S. Cohen whose telephone number is 703-308-2998. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00-3:30.

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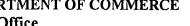
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